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For: STABILIZED COMPOSITION COMPRISING A BENZIMIDAZOLE TYPE  
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November 4, 2002

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

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**AMENDMENT**

Applicants hereby submit this in response to the Office Action mailed November 5, 2001 ("Office Action").

A response to the Office Action was originally due May 5, 2002. Applicants filed a Notice of Appeal on May 3, 2002, therefore a petition for a four-month extension of time in which to submit a response or an amendment in response to the Office Action. The fee for a four-month extension of time is \$1,440 and a check in that amount is enclosed. Therefore, the deadline for responding to the Office Action is now November 3, 2002. Accordingly, this Amendment and Response is being timely filed.

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